**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**A B S T R A C T**

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Smt. N.Padmavathi, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (SC) & Joint Director of Agriculture (Admn.) I/c., O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Krishna District – Failure in discharging her official duties leading to 'misconduct' under A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 – Disciplinary proceedings issued under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Appointment of Inquiring Authority under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

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**AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.319** **Dated:16/04/2024**

**Read the following:**

1. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32027(32)/22/2021, dt.03.09.2023.
2. Govt. Memo.No. AGC01-AGRI0AEST/82/2023-AGRI-I, A&C (Vig.I) dt.13.10.2023.
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32027(32)/22/2021, dt.23.11.2023.
4. Govt. Memo.No. AGC01-AGRI0AEST/82/2023-AGRI-I, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.12.2023
5. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32027(32)/22/2021, dt.25.12.2023.
6. G.O.Rt.No.19, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.10.01.2024.
7. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32027(32)/22/2023, dt.02.04.2024.

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**O R D E R:**

Whereas, an inquiry under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 is being held against Smt. N.Padmavathi, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (SC) & Joint Director of Agriculture (Admn.) I/c., O/o C & DA, A.P., Guntur and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Krishna District, for failure in discharging her official duties leading to 'misconduct' under A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. And whereas, it is considered that an Inquiring Authority should be appointed to inquire into the charges framed against the said Smt. N.Padmavathi, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (SC) & Joint Director of Agriculture (Admn.) I/c., O/o C & DA, A.P., Guntur and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Krishna District.

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991, the Government hereby appoint Smt.V.V.Vijaya Lakshmi, Director, ATMA, Mangalagiri, as the Inquiring Authority, to inquire into the Articles of Charge issued against the said Smt. N.Padmavathi, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (SC) & Joint Director of Agriculture (Admn.) I/c., O/o C &DA, A.P., Guntur and presently working as District Agricultural Officer, Krishna District.

4. The Inquiring Authority so appointed shall complete the inquiry and furnish the Inquiry Report to the Government, within a month positively, keeping in view of the consolidated instructions issued in G.O.Ms.No.91, G.A. (Ser-C) Dept., dt.12.09.2022.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI**
**CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To:**

Smt.V.V.Vijaya Lakshmi, Director, ATMA, Mangalagiri
(through the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

**Copy to:**

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(with a request to hand over the connected files to the Inquiring Authority soas to conduct regular inquiry)
Smt. N.Padmavathi, District Agricultural Officer, Krishna District.
(through the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
Sf/Sc.

**// FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**